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1. AS REQUESTED, PERM DEL MAY EXERCISE DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY TO SEEK TO ENCOURAGE SOV. DEL TO APPROACH V-E CELEBRATIONS FROM STANDPOINT WHICH EMPHASIZES POSITIVE ASPECTS (MENTIONED IN PARA. 2 BELOW), SUCH AS LESSON TO BE LEARNED ROM WWII OF URGENT NEED FOR COOPERATION AMONG NATIONS IN TODAY'S WORLD. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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- 2. YOU MAY AT YOUR DISCRETION MAKE STATEMENT DURING MAY 9 EX BD COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONY, DRAWING ON FOLLOWING POINTS:
- -- WWII, WHICH ENDED IN EUROPE 30 YEARS AGO YESTERDAY, WAS A COSTLY AND TERRIBLE CATACLYSM THAT CAUSED UNPRECEDENTED HUMAN SUFFERING.
- -- ANOTHER WORLD MILITARY CONFLAGRATION, GIVEN TODAY'S WEAPONS, WOULD BE UNTHINKABLE. THE U. S. SHARES THE HOPES

AND EXPECTATIONS OF OTHERS THAT THROUGH INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION MANKIND WILL BE SPARED THE HOLOCAUST OF ANOTHER WORLD WAR.

- -- IN LARGE MEASURE, THESE HOPES REST ON THE UN SYSTEM THAT EMERGED FROM THE ASHES OF WWII AND ITS SUCCESS IN PROMOTING THE KIND OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION REQUIRED FOR A MORE PEACEFUL, SECURE AND PROSPEROUS WORLD.
- -- PRESIDENT FORD AT THE 29TH UNGA DEDICATED THE U. S. TO A COOPERATIVE. OPEN APPROACH TO BUILD A MORE SECURE AND MORE PROSPEROUS WORLD. AS SECRETARY KISSINGER TOLD THE UN ASSEMBLY ON SEPTEMBER 23, 1974, "... THE BUILDING OF A COOPERATIVE WORLD IS BEYOND THE GRASP OF ANY ONE NATION. AN INTERDEPENDENT WORLD REQUIRES NOT MERELY THE RESOURCES BUT THE VISION AND CREATIVITY OF US ALL. NATIONS CANNOT SIMULTANEOUSLY CONFRONT AND COOPERATE WITH ONE ANOTHER. WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT THE COMMON INTEREST IS THE ONLY VALID TEST OF THE NATIONAL INTEREST. IT IS IN THE COMMON INTEREST. AND THUS IN THE INTEREST OF EACH NATION:-- THAT LOCAL CONFLICTS BE RESOLVED SHORT OF FORCE AND THEIR ROOT CAUSES REMOVED BY POLITICAL MEANS. -- THAT THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY BE ACHIEVED WITHOUT THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. -- THAT GROWING ECONOMIC INTERDEPENDENCE LIFT ALL NATIONS AND NOT DRAG THEM DOWN TOGETHER."
- -- UNESCO, WITH ITS SPECIAL MANDATE TO PROMOTE WORLD PEACE AND ITS FUNDAMENTAL PHILOSOPHICAL THESIS THAT THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEFENCES OF PEACE MUST BE CONSTRUCTED IN THE MINDS OF MEN, HAS ALREADY MADE A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THIS COMMON ENDEAVOR. AS WE PAY HOMAGE TO THE TENS OF MILLIONS WHO SUFFERED AND DIED IN WWII, WE MUST REDEDICATE OUR DETERMINATION TO WORK TOGETHER, THROUGH SUCH ORGANIZATIONS AS UNESCO, FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL MANKIND. KISSINGER

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